

June 30, 2011

Mr. Jason Smathers MuckRock 185 Beacon Street, #3 Somerville, MA 02143

Reference: F-2011-01728

Dear Mr. Smathers:

On 27 June 2011, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received, via facsimile of the same date, your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information or records on **Elmer Pratt AKA Geronimo Ji Jaga, AKA Geronimo Ji-Jaga Pratt.** We assigned your request the reference number above; please cite this number when corresponding about this request.

You have provided some of the information we need to conduct an effective search of our files for information on an individual. However, we need your subject's place of birth, and citizenship status. If Mr. Pratt was a legal permanent resident (LPR) or a naturalized U.S. citizen, we require the LPR or naturalization number and the date that status was acquired. Without this data, we may be unable to distinguish between individuals with the same or similar names. Since you state Mr. Pratt is deceased, we require some evidence of death, such as a copy of a death certificate, an obituary, or a press statement to ensure there are no privacy considerations.

As you know, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to collect fees for records services. As a matter of administrative discretion, and in accordance with our regulations, the Agency has waived the fees for this request.

We will hold your request in suspense for 45 days from the date of this letter pending receipt of Mr. Pratt's *place of birth, citizenship status, and proof of death*. If you cannot provide all of information we require within that time, we will close your request.

Sincerely,

Susan Viscuso Information and Privacy Coordinator